

### **Amendments to the Claims**

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

#### **Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A cable routing tray for routing external cabling of an electronic device, comprising:
  - a body;
  - a cable routing channel formed on said body, said cable routing channel comprising an ingress for receiving an external cable, an egress for outputting said external cable, ~~and a guiding path therebetween for removably routing said external cable between said ingress and said egress,~~ a retainer for retaining said external cable in said guiding path when said external cable is routed through said guiding path between said ingress and said egress, and an aperture for allowing removal of the external cable without removal of the retainer.
2. (Original) A cable routing tray in accordance with claim 1, wherein:
  - said cable routing channel comprises a hollow cavity formed in said body, said ingress comprising an aperture into said hollow cavity and said egress comprising an aperture out of said hollow cavity.
3. (Original) A cable routing tray in accordance with claim 2, wherein:
  - said body comprises an aperture into said hollow cavity in at least one position along said guiding path of said cable routing channel.
4. (Original) A cable routing tray in accordance with claim 1, wherein:
  - said cable routing channel comprises a groove in said body.
5. (Currently Amended) A cable routing tray in accordance with claim 4, ~~wherein~~ comprising:
  - said retainer comprises at least one support structure for maintaining

said external cable positioned in said groove.

6. (Original) A cable routing tray in accordance with claim 5, wherein:  
said at least one support structure is a tab.

7. (Original) A cable routing tray in accordance with claim 1, wherein:  
said ingress is located in proximity to a first edge of said body; and said  
egress is located in proximity to a different edge of said body.

8. (Currently Amended) An electronic instrument comprising:  
a housing;  
an electrical connector positioned on a first face of said housing;  
a first cable routing channel formed on a second face of said housing,  
said second face adjacent to said first face of said housing, said cable routing  
channel comprising:  
an ingress in proximity to said electrical connector for receiving an  
external cable,  
an egress in proximity to a third face of said housing for outputting said  
external cable, and  
a guiding path connecting said ingress and said egress for removably  
routing said external cable between said ingress and said egress,  
a retainer for retaining said external cable in said guiding path when  
said external cable is routed through said guiding path between said ingress  
and said egress, and  
an aperture for allowing removal of the external cable without removal  
of the retainer.

9. (Previously Presented) An electronic instrument in accordance with  
claim 8, comprising:  
an external cable connected to said electrical connector, said external  
cable positionable to extend outwards from said first face of said housing or to  
be routed to said third face of said housing through said first cable routing

channel.

10. (Original) An electronic instrument in accordance with claim 8, comprising:

a cable routing tray mounted on said second face of said housing, said cable routing tray comprising said first cable routing channel.

11. (Original) An electronic instrument in accordance with claim 8, wherein:

said first cable routing channel comprises a hollow cavity formed inside said body, said ingress comprising an aperture into said hollow cavity and said egress comprising an aperture out of said hollow cavity.

12. (Original) An electronic instrument in accordance with claim 8, wherein:

said body comprises an aperture into said hollow cavity in at least one position along said guiding path of said first cable routing channel.

13. (Original) An electronic instrument in accordance with claim 8, wherein:

said cable routing channel comprises a groove in said body.

14. (Currently Amended) An electronic instrument in accordance with claim 13, wherein comprising:

said retainer comprises at least one support structure for maintaining a cable positioned in said groove.

15. (Original) An electronic instrument in accordance with claim 13, wherein:

said at least one support structure is a tab.

16. (Original) An electronic instrument in accordance with claim 8,

wherein:

said ingress is located in proximity to a first edge of said body; and said egress is located in proximity to a different edge of said body.

17. (Currently Amended) An electronic instrument in accordance with claim 8, comprising;

at least one additional cable routing channel formed on said second face of computer housing, each of said at least one additional cable routing channel comprising:

a respective ingress in proximity to at least one additional respective electrical connector on said first face of said housing,

a respective egress in proximity to said third face or a fourth face of said housing for outputting said external cable, and

a respective guiding path connecting said respective ingress and said respective egress,

a respective retainer for retaining said external cable in said guiding path when said external cable is routed through said guiding path between said ingress and said egress, and

a respective aperture for allowing removal of the external cable without removal of the corresponding respective retainer.

18. (Original) An electronic instrument in accordance with claim 8, wherein:

said first cable routing channel comprises a second egress in proximity to a fourth face of said housing.

19. (Currently Amended) A method for routing an external cable attached to an electronic connector mounted on a first face of an electronic instrument to a second face of said electronic instrument, comprising:

providing on said instrument a routing channel from said first face of said electronic instrument to said second face of said electronic instrument, said routing channel comprising an ingress in proximity to said electrical

connector for receiving said external cable, an egress in proximity to a third face of said housing for outputting said external cable, and a guiding path ~~therebetween for removably routing said external cable between said ingress and said egress~~ connecting said ingress and said egress, a retainer for retaining said external cable in said guiding path when said external cable is routed through said guiding path between said ingress and said egress, and an aperture for allowing removal of said external cable without removal of said retainer.

20. (Previously Presented) A method in accordance with claim 19, comprising:

inserting said external cable into said routing channel such that said external cable enters said routing channel at said ingress and exits said channel at said egress.